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SUBJECT: FUTURE ROLE OF THE ICC IN LAOS

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1. IN REGARD TO PARA FOUR OF BOTH REFERENCES, SIMARD HAS
ALREADY CALLED ONCE ON SOUVANNA, ON SEPTEMBER 26. HE PRESENTED
CANADIAN POSITION ON EXPANDED PARTICIPATION, I.E. THAT BOTH
PARTIES WOULD HAVE TO MAKE FORMAL REQUESTS THROUGH CO-CHAIRMAN
WHICH WOULD INCLUDE AGREED FRENCH TEXTS OF AGREEMENT AND
PROTOCOL, AS WELL AS DETAILED INFORMATION ON MODALITIES ICC
EXPECTED TO PURSUE IN SUPERVISING CEASEFIRE AND OTHER

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PROVISIONS OF THOSE DOCUMENTS. PRIME MINISTER MADE LOW-KEY

RESPONSE CENTERED ON GENERAL NEED FOR ICC ASSISTANCE IN MAINTAINING MOMENTUM OF PRESENT CEASEFIRE, BUT NOT ADDRESSING SUBSTANCE OF CANADIAN POSITION. PRIME MINISTER ALSO INDICATED THAT HE, AS HEAD OF NEW GOVERNMENT, WOULD ORIGINATE REQUEST TO REACTIVATE ICC. SIMARD TOLD HIM THIS WOULD NOT MEET CANADIAN PRECONDITIONS.

2. WE HAVE IMPRESSION THAT SOUVANNA-SIMARD MEETING IS NOT BEST FORUM FOR HEADWAY ON THIS ISSUE, BECAUSE OF SIMARD'S RELATIVELY LOW RANK AND SOMEWHAT DIDACTIC POSTURE IN ADVOCATING HIS GOVERNMENT'S VIEWS. SIMARD CAME TO SEE US OCTOBER 3 TO ASK WHETHER WE COULD GET SOUVANNA TO DIRECT JCIA TO PRODUCE AGREED FRENCH TEXT OF PROTOCOL AS FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS. WE INDICATED WE THOUGHT THIS WAS AN IMPOSSIBLE DREAM, SINCE IT WOULD MEAN HOURS OF WRANGLING OVER FRENCH TRANSLATION OF LAO TERMS ON WHICH BOTH SIDES ARE STILL NOT COMPLETELY IN AGREEMENT. HE SAID HE WOULD TAKE SAME LINE IF SOUVANNA SUMMONED HIM.

3. THEREFORE, UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE BEST TO LET ICC POT BUBBLE ALONG WITHOUT GETTING SOUVANNA INVOLVED WITH CANADIANS UNTIL SOME INDICATION OF CHANGE IN OTTAWA'S VIEWPOINT APPEARS.

4. PARA TWO ABOVE SHOULD NOT BE MADE KNOWN TO GOVERNMENT OF CANADA.

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